



Long Beach Police Department

Crime Watch News

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COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING



MEET OUR NEW CHIEF OF POLICE ANTHONY W. BATTS

Our next Crime Prevention meeting
will be held on

Wednesday, January 15, 2003
7:00 p.m.

Long Beach Water Department
1800 East Wardlow Road

Come and meet our new Chief of Police who will provide an update on the future direction of the Police Department. This is your opportunity to talk directly with Chief Batts and provide your input.

This is a monthly meeting for all members of the Long Beach community! Please join us!

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Anthony W. Batts is the new Chief of Police for the Long Beach Police Department. He began his career with the Long Beach Police Department 20 years ago. Prior to joining the department, he was an explorer scout with the Los Angeles Police Department, a police student cadet with the Santa Monica Police Department, and a reserve officer with the Hawthorne Police Department.

He was hired by the Long Beach Police Department as a Community Relations Assistant in 1982 before being accepted into the police academy as a recruit officer that same year. He was promoted to sergeant in 1987, lieutenant in 1989, commander in 1991, deputy chief in 1999, and chief of police on October 31, 2002.

Chief Batts holds a Doctorate Degree in Public Administration from the University of La Verne, a Master Degree in Business Management from the University of Redlands, and a Bachelor Degree of Science from California State University, Long Beach.

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GOLD SHIELD AWARDS
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH RECOGNITION PROGRAM
NOMINATION FORM

The Police Department and the Neighborhood Watch Advisory Committee would like to recognize individuals and groups who, as participants in the Neighborhood Watch Program, have contributed to the improvement of their neighborhood.

Recognition should be given for:

- ◆ Significant accomplishments at the block or community level
- ◆ Significant neighborhood improvements
- ◆ Improvements within the Neighborhood Watch Program
- ◆ Significant efforts in supporting the Neighborhood Watch Program

NOMINEE (Individual or Group)

Group (if group nomination): _____

Name (Block Captain if group nomination): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Briefly describe the nominee's contribution(s) to Neighborhood Watch.
Use additional pages if necessary.

How did you become aware of the nominee's contribution(s)?

NOMINATOR:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please submit your completed nomination form to the
Community Relations Division by **February 1st, 2003.**



The Long Beach Police and Fire Departments would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Annual Christmas Drive Program. Through your generous donations of food, toys, money and time, the Police and Fire Departments were able to bring the Christmas spirit into homes of more than 400 Long Beach families. Each family received a box of food and hundreds of children happily received toys and gifts.

Once again, thank you for your support and involvement. Our sincere appreciation is extended to each and every one of you who assisted on this special holiday program. You should take great pride in knowing that your efforts brought joy and happiness into the lives of others less fortunate during this past holiday season.

The Police Department would like to send a special thank you to those of you who participated in the Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch programs and other community safety events throughout the year. Community involvement is the most important ingredient in keeping neighborhoods free from crime.

The men and women of the Long Beach Police Department look forward to working with all of you again this year.

REPORT SHOWS WHAT INTERNET FRAUD COSTS AMERICANS

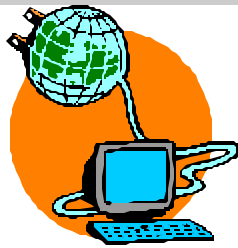
(To obtain a full copy of the report, visit www.ifccfbi.gov)

Internet Fraud - We have been relying on the Internet to conduct much of our daily business as it becomes more accessible and more convenient. Merchants, banks and even government agencies are striving to keep up with the demand for user-friendly, secure, and reliable websites.

Many consumers are banking and shopping online, and in this age of hackers and computer viruses, business and consumers are seeking ways to ensure that any important personal information transmitted over the Internet remains secure.

Internet Fraud Report - Nearly 43 percent of all reported Internet fraud comes from auction fraud, according to the Internet Fraud Complaint Center's (IFCC) annual data trends report. The IFCC, in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the National White Collar Crime Center, released an annual compilation of information on complaints received from victims and referred to law enforcement during its first full year of operation. Non-deliverable merchandise and non-payment accounted for 20 percent of the complaints.

During the report period that spans January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, complaints filed with the IFCC totaled 49,711. All complaints received by the IFCC have been reviewed and referred on behalf of the person filing the complaint. Of the online filing, the IFCC referred almost 17,000 Internet fraud complaints to law enforcement or regulatory agencies across the nation. Efforts from the IFCC-sponsored initiative, "Operation Cyber Loss," resulted in criminal charges brought against almost 90 individuals.



"Fraud committed via the Internet makes investigation and prosecution difficult because the offender and victim may be located thousands of miles apart. This borderless phenomena is a unique characteristic of Internet crime and is not found with many other types of traditional crime," said Thomas Richardson, deputy assistant director, Criminal Investigative Division of the FBI. "Jurisdictional issues often require the cooperation of multiple agencies to resolve a case. This is a hallmark of the IFCC. It streamlines the case initiation effort and saves victims and enforcement agencies a great deal of time.

Internet Safety - Think of a bustling metropolis; there are hundreds of streets, stores, theaters, libraries, museums, people, scenes and parties. As in any busy city, there are good and bad areas; exciting things to see, experience, and do; and scary things that happen every day without much notice. In many ways the Internet is like a metropolis, offering excitement and dangers with the click of a mouse.

The fact is, however, that while there are laws to protect us in the real world, there is astonishingly little legislation to protect Internet "surfers." We have police to protect our streets, but virtually no law enforcement to patrol the Internet and enforce what legislation exists.

If you fall victim to Internet fraud or identity theft and have suspect information, please call 9-1-1 for a patrol unit to respond. Should you become a victim and have no suspect information, please call your respective patrol division for a telephonic report:

South Division	(562) 570-7260
East Division	(562) 570-5880
North Division	(562) 570-5901
West Division	(562) 570-3400

RESOURCES

Credit Bureaus

You are entitled to a free copy of your credit report if you have been a victim of identity theft, been denied credit, receive welfare benefits, or are unemployed.

Equifax

P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, Georgia 30374-0241

- ♦ To order your credit report, call (800) 685-1111
- ♦ To report fraud, call (800) 525-6285
- ♦ www.equifax.com

Experian (formerly TRW)

P.O. Box 949, Allen, Texas 75013-0949

- ♦ To order your credit report, call (888) 397-3742
- ♦ To report fraud, call (888) 397-3742
- ♦ www.experian.com

Trans Union

P.O. Box 390, Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064-0390

- ♦ To order your report, call (800) 916-8800
- ♦ To report fraud, call (800) 680-7289
- ♦ www.transunion.com

Federal Agencies

Federal Trade Commission

600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20580

- ♦ To report fraud, call (877) 438-4338
- ♦ www.consumer.gov

Social Security Admin.

- ♦ To report fraud, call (800) 269-0271
- ♦ www.ssa.gov

United States Postal Service

- ♦ Report mail theft to the Postal Inspection Service
- ♦ www.usps.gov

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NEW CHIEF OF POLICE (Continued from page 1)

In addition, Chief Batts is a graduate of the following executive programs: International Association of Police Chiefs, Police S.W.A.T. Commander School, Police Executive Training Course, University of Southern California's Delinquency Control Institute, FBI's National Academy, Leadership Long Beach, Law Enforcement's Command College, and Harvard University's Executive Development Course.

Chief Batts serves on the Board of Directors for Long Beach Children's Clinic, the Police Explorer Program, Police Athletic League (PAL), Leadership Long Beach (a community executive leadership program), and the Southern California Corporate Registry.

Chief Batts is the father of three children. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, participating in competitive softball leagues, football, weight lifting, contemporary movies, plays, and reading autobiographies.

The new chief's focus for the Long Beach Police Department is to restore safety to crime impacted areas. He urges all Long Beach Residents to get involved to keep our neighborhoods safe. He has identified his top priorities as:

1. Budget
2. Crime
3. Staffing
4. Customer Service and Community Trust
5. Community Policing

If you have any questions or want to learn more about Chief Anthony W. Batts, please come to our Community Crime Prevention Meeting. (See Page 1).

Emergency 9-1-1
Non-emergency 435-6711
Anthony W. Batts Chief of Police 570-7301
Patrol Divisions East - 570-5880 North - 570-5891 South - 570-7260 West - 570-3400
Investigations Bureau Info. Desk 570-7325 Arrest Info. 570-7260 Bail Info. 570-7260 Gangs 570-7328 Narcotics 570-7221 Vice 570-7219 Family Services 570-7456 Youth Services 570-1425
Community Relations Division Apartment Watch 570-7215 Business Watch 570-7326 Neighborhood Watch 570-7229